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MEMORANDUM FOR Director, National Photographic Interpretation
Center

SUBJECT: National Committee on Photographic Exploitation
Equipment (COPE)

In response to your memorandum of 7 May 1965 (TCS-8269-65),
I will be most pleased to provide NRO participation in the planned
committee. Accordingly, I nominate [redacted] as
the NRO member, and [redacted] the NRO
alternate member.

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I have reviewed the proposed committee charter (TCS-8270-65)
and offer no substantive changes at this time; however, I suggest
the committee be convened for a one year trial period.

Signed

Brockway McMillan
Director
National Reconnaissance Office

cc: Director, DIA ✓
Director, CIA

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, National Reconnaissance Office

SUBJECT: Establishment of a National Committee on Photographic
Exploitation Equipment (COPE)

1. The NPIC plans to further implement its obligations under paragraph 2g of NSCID #8 by sponsoring a standing committee devoted to the exchange of information on imagery exploitation equipment among interested components of the Intelligence Community. The committee will be organized under the attached charter, which is submitted for your review and comments.

2. It is anticipated that the committee will meet monthly to review the state of technology in exploitation equipment and to provide guidance to those subcommittees and working groups required in support of committee endeavors. This action is taken to provide a greater degree of formality and continuity than experienced in the informal gatherings held periodically at NPIC since 1961. In order to provide effective committee operation, it would seem appropriate that membership should be limited to one qualified representative from each of the following organizations: DIA, CIA, NRO, Air Force, Army, Navy and NPIC. Committee members should be cleared for access to Top Secret, "T", "KH", "SI", "A", "I", "O", "C", "Su", and "F". I am concurrently writing to the Defense Intelligence Agency and the Central Intelligence Agency requesting that committee members be named. I would appreciate your support in naming a qualified representative to this committee.

3. A secretariat has been established within the NPIC Plans and Development Staff to provide administrative, secretarial, and technical support to this committee. The secretariat is to serve as a focal point for the continuous exchange of information and is to make any necessary committee arrangements. The secretariat is to be administered by [redacted]

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4. The first meeting of the standing committee under this charter should be convened at an early date following the designation of committee members.

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ARTHUR C. LUNDAHL
Director

Attachment:

Charter (TCS-8270-65) *cy 4 w/cy 7*

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7 May 1965Copy 4NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON PHOTOGRAPHIC EXPLOITATION EQUIPMENT

(COPE)

1. PURPOSE

In fulfillment of the mission of the National Photographic Interpretation Center, established by authority of NSCID No. 8, a National Committee on Photographic Exploitation Equipment will be set up under the auspices of the NPIC. The purpose of the Committee will be to provide a mechanism whereby concerned agencies may exchange information about photographic exploitation research and development, including the exploitation aspects of future image-forming collection systems. This will promote an integration of effort and minimize unnecessary duplication and expense in the research, development, and evaluation by the several departments and agencies carrying on photographic exploitation efforts.

2. BACKGROUND

Since 1955, a number of joint committees have met formally and informally to exchange information, to coordinate solutions to problems, and to standardize techniques for development and procurement of equipment in fields related to the exploitation of photography for intelligence uses. Since 1961, the NPIC Joint Procurement Committee has worked toward coordinating these efforts on an informal basis. The increased sophistication of collection systems together with a concurrent growth in the role of the exploitation effort have placed additional responsibilities upon NPIC. More than ever there is need for an early and continuous exchange of information concerning exploitation aspects of new collection systems and of the development and procurement efforts of those concerned with this activity.

3. MEMBERSHIP

The Chairman of the Committee will be the Assistant for Plans and Development, NPIC.

The Committee will be composed of a representative from each of the following departments and agencies of the United States Intelligence and Technical Communities: NPIC, NRO, DIA, CIA, Air Force, Army, and Navy. Each member should have a broad knowledge of the requirements, R&D programs, and exploitation activities of his department or agency. An alternate should also be designated.

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4. RESPONSIBILITIES

The National Committee on Photographic Exploitation Equipment will perform the following functions:

- a. Exchange information about photographic and other image-forming sensor exploitation research and development carried on throughout the various components including the exploitation aspects of new collection systems.
- b. Provide the community with technical information on specialized equipment used in the exploitation of reconnaissance photography.
- c. Provide a means for liaison and coordination with all organizations dealing with activities, programs, and projects related to photographic exploitation.
- d. Provide the Intelligence and Technical Communities the opportunity to engage in joint procurement of specialized exploitation equipment.
- e. Establish those specialized task groups necessary to study selected development problems related to photo exploitation.

5. ADMINISTRATION

The Committee will meet at such times and places as designated by the Chairman. A secretariat will be established within the Plans and Development Staff, NPIC, to service the committee and to serve as the focal point for all Committee business and arrangements. The secretariat will prescribe the security clearances necessary for the conduct of meetings.

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